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DECISION ON PETITION

In re Application of
Franziska Shepard
Application No. 08/611,642
Patent No. 5,704,371
Filed: March 6, 1996
Issue Date: January 6, 1998
Attorney Docket Number: 5483-413416/
Title: MEDICAL HISTORY DOCUMENTATION
SYSTEM AND METHOD

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed on June 6, 2002, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on January 6, 1998. The grace period for paying the 3 ½ year maintenance fee provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e) expired at midnight on January 6, 2002, with no payment received.

This petition was timely filed within twenty-four months after the expiration of the six-month grace period. As required, petitioner submitted with the petition the required maintenance fee, the surcharge for accepting an unintentionally delayed maintenance fee after expiration, and a statement that the delay in payment of the maintenance fee was unintentional.

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is hereby reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

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